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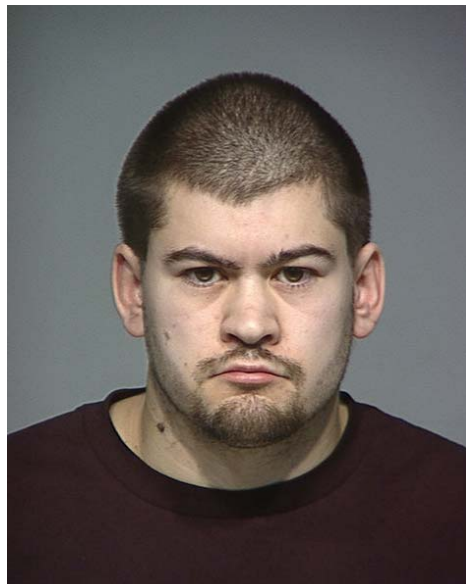
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Detectives Arrest Youth Care Worker for Facilitating a Child Sex Crime

Milwaukee, WI: On Friday night, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office detectives posed as an adolescent girl under the age of 16 on a popular online teen chat room. While detectives were talking online with the subject, 25-year-old Brian Bien-Hartman, engaged in a sexually explicit conversation with the assumed adolescent. During the conversation, he made arrangements to meet with her at a location within Milwaukee County. Bien-Hartman, a childcare provider at Kindercare in Waukesha and a part-time teacher with the Promising Picassos after school art program, was arrested Friday evening.

This morning the District Attorney's Office charged him with a felony, *using a computer to facilitate a child sex crime*. If convicted, he faces a maximum fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment of 25 years. Further, this crime carries a mandatory minimum of 5 years of initial confinement.

Please visit the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office website, mkesheriff.org (Sheriff's News), for a picture of Bien-Hartman and additional information on internet crimes against children.



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